



## **DGM Message Title: A Good, Good Father!**

### **Topic: Keep Walking and You'll See Your Provision**

**Message Summary:** In Abraham, we see a type and foreshadowing of God the Father giving His Son Jesus to save His people. At the same time, God is testing Abraham's willingness to obey and trust the Father. He tests us to convince us of the strength that we didn't know we had. If you continue to walk up your mountain, you will eventually see God's provision for you.

#### **Scriptural References (NKJV):**

- Genesis 22:1-13
- Hebrews 11:19
- Hebrews 12:2
- Luke 9:57-60

#### **Key Points:**

- Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' (Genesis 22:1 NKJV)
  - He tests us often to convince us the strength that we didn't know we had.
  - The Bible says that these individuals passed.
  - If God leads you into it, He will get you through it.
  - God wanted to show everyone what Abraham was made of.
  - God is not looking for perfect vessels, just available ones.
- Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, 'Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.' (Luke 9:57 NKJV)
  - Never apologize for the standards in your life because people who belong in your life will find a way to meet them.
- And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.' (Luke 9:58 NKJV)
  - Discipleship is simply choosing what you want most over what you want now.
- Then He said to another, 'Follow Me.' But he said, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.' (Luke 9:59-60 NKJV)
  - If you are going to follow Jesus, He must come first.
  - He was trying to reveal this man's half-hearted attitude.
  - If God is really our God, He would not have to wait on us, we would wait on Him.

- No one wants to feel like they are constantly auditioning for a place in your life. – Susan Jakes.
- No one wants to live like that; especially the God who deserves all our attention.
- If God ever asks you to sacrifice, He’s looking at the reward on the other side.
- Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ (Genesis 22:2 NKJV)
  - Anything we withhold from God, becomes our God.
  - God comes first.
  - In life, you have to make some choices.
  - How could a loving father give up his only son to such a monstrous demand?
  - Put yourself in Isaac’s position.
  - What kind of God would ever ask that of a human being?
- So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. (Genesis 22:3 NKJV)
  - How could a loving father do this, in the name of God?
  - Hebrews 11:17-19 NKJV
    - He believed something that he couldn’t see with his eyes.
    - Abraham came to a conclusion.
    - The conclusions we come to matter.
    - How you reason when God doesn’t make sense will make all the difference in how you obey.
    - All of God’s promises will be fulfilled in the end.
    - You should know that you’re not going to die tomorrow because God is showing you things.
    - If death couldn’t stop God, then your little situation can’t stop God.
  - The reason that Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son was only because he believed his son would comeback.
  - God sees the other side.
  - If God leads you to it; it’s only because He knows He will get you through it.
- Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. (Genesis 22:4 NKJV)
  - Weeping endured for the night, but joy came in the morning.
  - God is not alarmed by what you are going through.
  - No one can hurt me more than God can reward me.
  - God will not be outdone by human or by the devil.
  - The harder you throw me down, the higher I’m going to bounce up.
- And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.’ (Genesis 22:5 NKJV)
  - Some of the donkeys in your life are not going with you to the mountain top.
  - Abraham had the comeback on his mind.
  - Abraham fully expected to return with his son.
  - If God leads you to it; it’s only because He knows He will get you through it.

- So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. (Genesis 22:6 NKJV)
  - If God is really good and you really believe it, then you'll keep walking with Him.
  - Isaac trusted his father and was willing to keep walking with him.
  - God wants to deepen our faith.
  - On the other side of this, there must be a comeback.
- But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7 NKJV)
  - If it's a sin to ask questions, I'm probably one of the biggest sinners in this room.
  - But I've learned that if He doesn't answer or doesn't answer like I want; I just trust Him.
- Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. (Genesis 22:9 NKJV)
  - Once you come to believe everything that God said, you become fearless.
  - Once we become fearless, the possibilities in our lives become limitless.
  - Abraham was fully persuaded that God could do what He promised.
  - God doesn't look at the challenge; he looks at the reward.
- "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 NKJV
  - When Jesus saw the rewards, He was willing to face the cross.
  - Likewise, we must be willing to face our crosses in life.
- And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' So he said, 'Here I am.' (Genesis 22:10-11 NKJV)
  - With the natural eye, what Abraham was doing didn't look good.
  - Abraham saw something in his heart and trusted God.
  - Abraham and God had become friends.
  - A real friend is someone who knows how crazy you are, but is still willing to be seen with you in public.
- And He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me.' (Genesis 22:12 NKJV)
  - What Abraham was about to do was proof that he loved God.
  - Abraham would not withhold his son from Him.
  - What are you withholding from God?
  - Where is the evidence of your commitment?
  - If Abraham's willing to sacrifice his son is proof of his love, then it is proof of God's love because He did not withhold His Son.
  - God is not willing to let any of his children experience anything that He is not able to reward.
- Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him *was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. (Genesis 22:13 NKJV)

- We should look up to the one with the answers while I'm taking the test.
- As Abraham was walking up one side of the mountain, his provision was walking up the other side.
- When you are going through the test, you can't see it.
- But, if you continue up your mountain, you'll eventually see your provision.
- God provides for those who don't quit in the middle.
- Faith and fear are a lot alike, the both require us to believe something we can't see, yet.
- God is about to ask you to do some big things.
- If you walk up your side of the mountain, when you get to the top you are going to meet the Lord Who provides!